



MODIS TERRA Collection V Sea Surface Temperature

SST Matchup database Calibration and Validation activities

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Collection IV MODIS TERRA SST

Validation of collection IV based on SST Matchup database L1b LUT 4.3.0.21

L2 Single set of algorithm coefficients; SST v4.5 coefficients last updated Nov. 2002

Findings:

Instrument calibration degradation with time; significant change in rate around Oct. 2003

Time dependent change in mirror side behavior

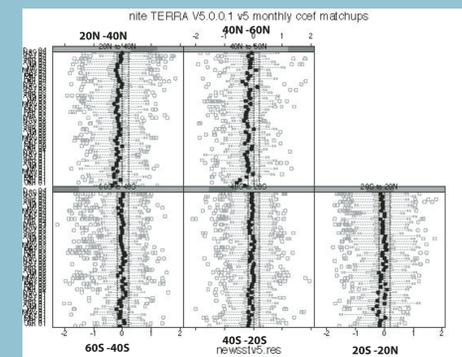
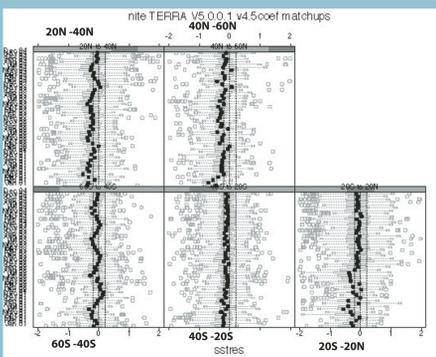
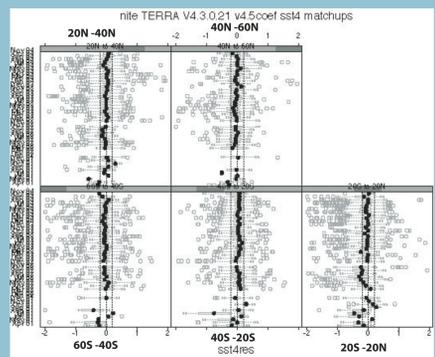
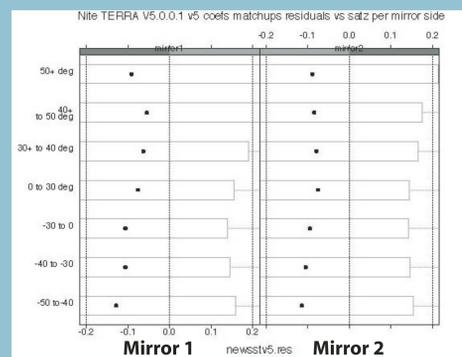
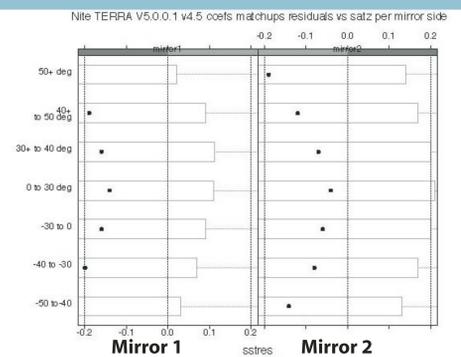
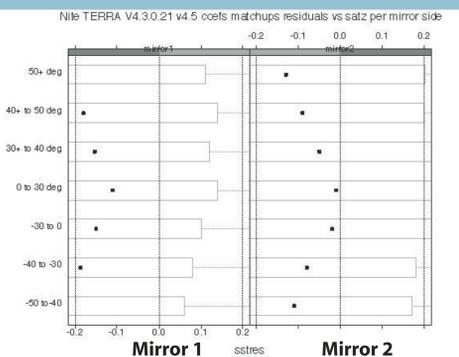
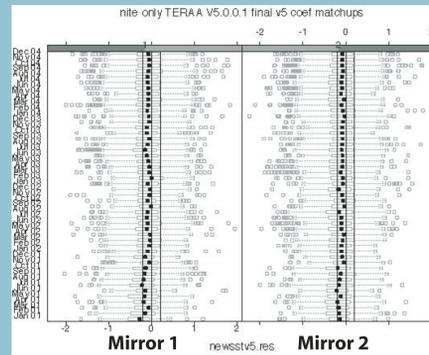
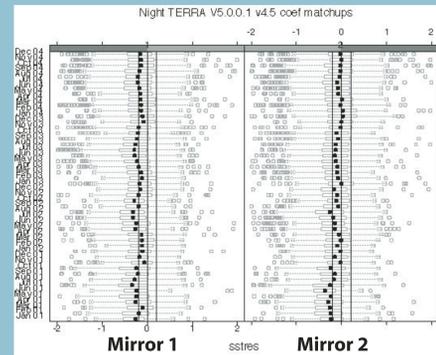
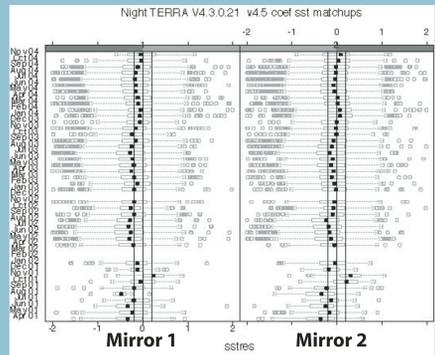
Small instrument RVS or 4th term algorithm coefficient artifact
Repeating seasonality in SST residuals

TERRA Collection IV
L1b LUT 4.3.0.21
v4.5 algorithm coefficients

Testing
L1b LUT 5.0.0.1
v4.5 algorithm coefficients

TERRA Collection V
L1b LUT 5.0.0.1
v5 monthly algorithm coefficients

SST 11-12 um algorithm



Testing and evaluation of MCST L1b V5

Evaluate impact of L1b changes on L2 SST

Reprocessed matchup database L1a extractions based on:

L1b LUT v5.0.0.1; released to Miami SCF December 23, 2004

L2 Single set of algorithm coefficients; SST v4.5 coefficients

Findings:

Improved instrument calibration for period 2002-2004; 2001 appears unchanged

Relative mirror side behavior appears unchanged from collection IV; time dependent bias still present

Small improvement in instrument RVS; residual bias likely due to 4th term algorithm coefficient

Annually repeating seasonality in SST residuals unchanged relative to collection IV

Collection V MODIS TERRA SST

Based on analysis of the v5.0.0.1 MDB the following changes will be incorporated in Collection V TERRA SST reprocessing:

SST algorithm coefficients estimated on a monthly basis

Algorithm coefficients were estimated using satellite: in situ buoy matchups from only mirror side 2.

Time dependent mirror side bias correction factors applied

Algorithm C1 bias coefficient determined from MAERI

Findings:

Drift in calibration eliminated in period 2002-2004; 2001 residuals -0.1C colder than other years

RVS/4th term coefficient artifact completely eliminated

Seasonality dramatically minimized

Latitudinal differences improved but sampling biases remain as a result of differences in the continental air-mass influences between hemispheres.

The 4um SST4 product for Collection IV and V remains as one of the best satellite SST data products available.

TERRA Collection V Night time Validation Statistics

SST 11-12um Night time

Satellite-buoy residuals

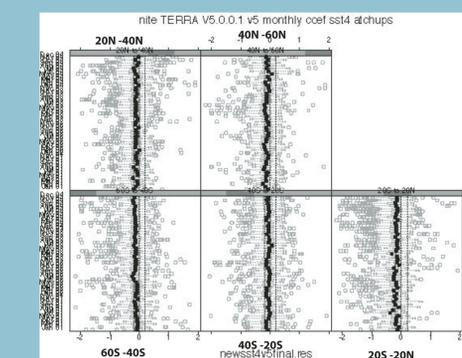
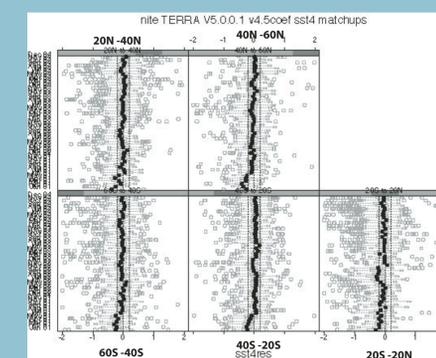
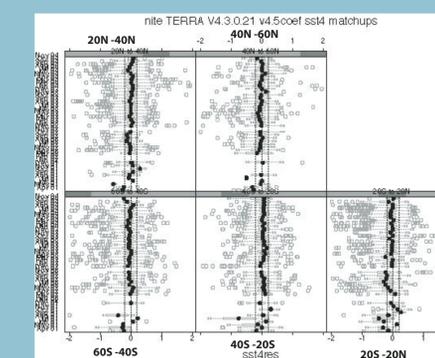
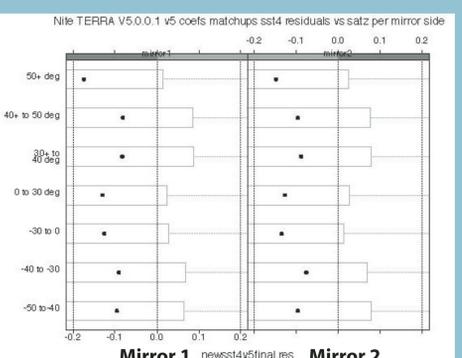
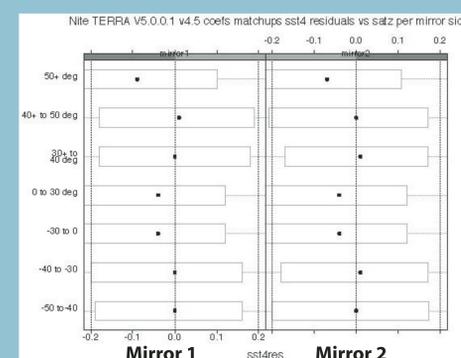
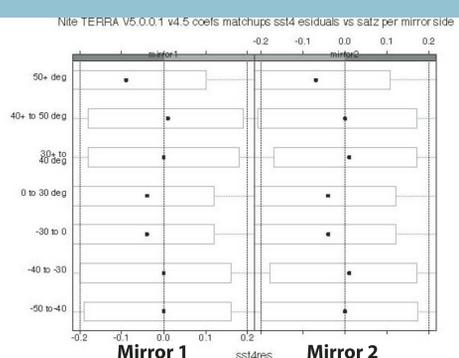
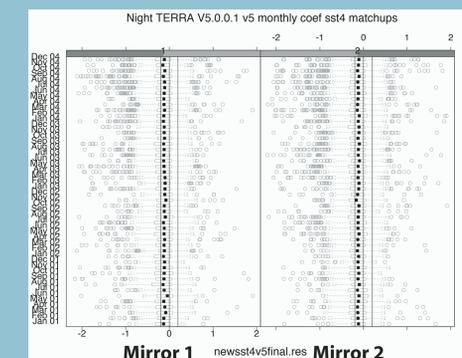
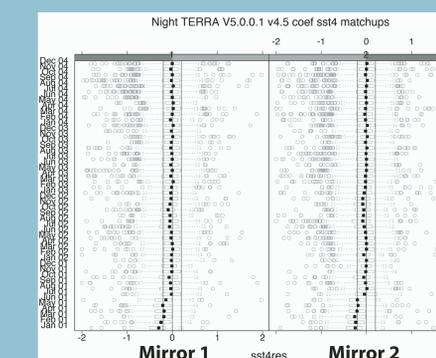
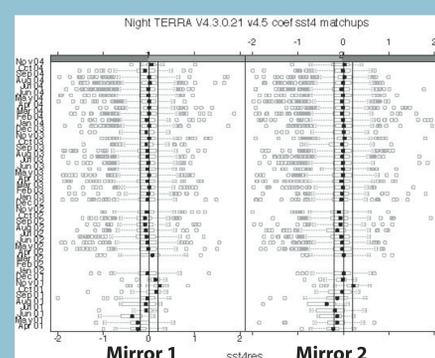
Year	2001	2002	2003	2004
median	-0.147	-0.088	-0.082	-0.080
RMS	0.43	0.426	0.431	0.439
N	4388	6077	8417	11502

SST4 4um Night time

Satellite-buoy residuals

Year	2001	2002	2003	2004
median	-0.119	0.118	-0.114	-0.119
RMS	0.351	0.349	0.354	0.366
N	4239	5894	8023	10874

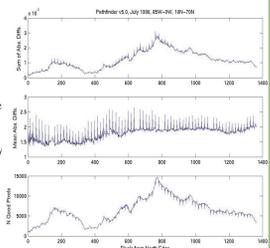
SST4 4um algorithm



Collection V Oceans SMI Map resolution change

Legacy SMI map issue, impact on locating gradients in global images with resolutions of 512 multiples

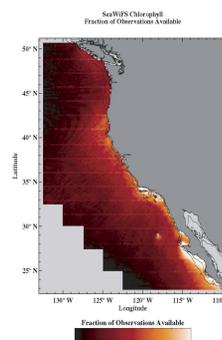
- For each daily SeaWiFS, MODIS or Pathfinder image subtracting the image from itself shifted by one pixel meridionally.
- Sum absolute count differences along latitudinal lines and then over the whole image.
- Spikes every 18 lines are the result of having to drop every 18th row in the bin file during projection onto a power of two map grid
- Problem common to Pathfinder AVHRR, SeaWiFS and MODIS SMI maps



SeaWiFS SMI Example

Example from Andy Thomas for SeaWiFS image.

SMI daily map product has temporal/spatial aliasing in actual coverage. When you investigate the number of valid chlorophyll retrievals at any given location over time, there is an 18 pixel zonally oriented spatial aliasing to the pattern.



L3 Mapping Update

8192 pixels by 4096 lines

Noise seen in the upper plot results from '18' line jump in maps using 8192 pixel by 4096 format. Problem removed by changing to 8640 pix by 4320 lines, 4.63km resolution

8640 pixels by 4320 lines:

